To: 703-872-9310 Group Art Unit: 1723 Examiner: Krishnan S. Menon Attny. Docket No. 20740-RA Applicant: Yu, Guanghua, etral Filed: December 28, 2001

PTC/Starty (88-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. GM8 0561-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Citics. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unloss it contains a valid CMB, control number.

Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

October 28, 2003 Date

Signature

Thomas R. Williamson III, Esq.

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of transmission, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

> Reply to Non-Final Office Action Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.111 (20 pages)

This colloction of information is required by 37 CFR 1.8. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.8 minutes to complete application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending onto the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete displication form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

if you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

M&K, LLC.

Yu, Guanghua et al.

Appl. No. 10/034,507 Page 1 of 20

Filed: December 28, 2001

Atty. Docket No. 20740-RA

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| Applicant: | Yu, Guanghua et al. |) | Docket: | 20740-RA |
|-------------|---------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| Serial No.: | 10/034,507 | > | Examiner: | Menon, Krishnan S |
| Filed: | December 28, 2001 |) | Group Art Unit: | 1723 |

For:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATING EMULSIFIED WATER

FROM FUEL

Dated: October 28, 2003

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. \$1.111

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2003, in the above-styled application, please amend the application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.111 as indicated and consider the appended remarks. Applicant believes that the present amendments and arguments distinguish the claims over the prior art and thus place the rejected claims in condition for allowance.